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Is making History for the Negro of this Country.

SHE KNEW

Little Girl, it was the regular weekly singing lesson. The teacher had just finished telling the children they were all spending their first year in school about the beauties of knowing how to sing. The teacher's talk had been beautiful and she was sure that it would bear fruit.

"Now all of you who want to know how to sing will please raise your hands," said the teacher.

There was a race to see whose hand should go up first. Then there was another race to see whose should be raised the highest. But the teacher saw two little girls sitting with their hands on their desks.

"Why, I'm surprised, my little girl," said the teacher, as she pointed to one of them. "Why don't you want to learn to sing?"

"Cause I don't have to," answered the little girl. "I know how now."

It was a bit too much for the teacher and all of the little girls wondered at the smile which crossed her face.

THE CAFES OF HUNGARY.

Writer Asserts They Are Different From Those of Paris.

The trees and the cafes are Parisian; only there are more trees and more cafes, and in Pest the cafes do not have a crowded existence. There is never the impression of a few tables and a few chairs forced into a narrow space. It seems as if, when the city was laid out and when the buildings were erected, special provision had been made for tables and shrubbery in front of them, in the same way that space is calculated for gardens and fountains and lakes in laying out an exposition ground. If old Paris was all on a hill on one side of the Seine and new Paris had been built since '60, and the Parisian had the free life of the gypsy in his heart, and the Russian's fondness for room whether outdoors or in, and art and architecture had flourished in Hungary for centuries, there might be some reason for that comparison which frequently occurs to the hurrying tourist.—Scribner's.

Wood Lighter Than Cork.

In spite of the formidable rivalry of the feather, the cork has hitherto held the foremost place among the pseudonyms for lack of weight. This supremacy is now seriously imperiled by the discovery of marea wood, as reported to have been made by Capt. Truffert in the Bahr-el-Ghazal and the

neighborhood of Lake Tchad. It belongs to the same species as the mimosa, and as observed growing on the shores of Lake Tchad, reaches a height of from twelve to fifteen feet. It throws off shoots near to the ground, and its branches bear thorns and yellow flowers. The wood is lighter than cork.

Wings of a Dove.

At sunset, when the rosy day was dying,
Far down the pathway of the West,
I saw a lonely dove in silence flying
To be at rest.

Pilgrim of air, I cried, could I but borrow
Thy wandering wings, thy freedom blent,
I'd fly away from every careful sorrow
And find my rest.

But when the dusk a filmy veil was weaving
Back came the dove to seek her nest,
Deep in the forest where her mate was grieving—
There was true rest.

Peace, heart of mine! no longer sigh to wander;
Lose not thy life in fruitless quest.
There are no happy islands over yonder:
Come home and rest.

—Henry van Dyke, in "The Builders, and Other Poems."

Not an Appropriate Decoration.

A caller at the boarding-house of Mrs. Irons was surprised to see a fine greyhound basking in the sun outside the kitchen door. "I didn't know you had a dog," she said. "He's a beautiful animal. How long have you had him?" "Two or three years." "How does it happen I have never seen him in passing along here?" "We don't allow him to leave the back yard," replied Mrs. Irons with emphasis. "What kind of an advertisement would it be for a boarding-house to have a creature as lean as that dog standing around in front of it?"

Valuable Paper Process.

The Oxford Press Syndicate values the formula for making the thin tough paper used in printing their Bibles at more than a million dollars, it having cost them over twenty-five years of hard work and \$100,000 in cash to discover and perfect the process. Even more valuable, probably, is the secret of the manufacture of the paper upon which the notes of the Bank of England are printed, which belongs, as is pretty generally known to the Portals of Laverstoke, who have accumulated a fortune from it within two generations.

Uniforms for Army Electricians.

The master electricians and the electrician sergeants of the newly created corps of the army will be designated by a symbol of white metal resembling forked lightning enclosed within a wreath of gilt metal. The uniform trousers of these officers will show a scarlet stripe.

Father of Lexicographers.

Dr. Johnson, even excepting his predecessor, Bailey, was not the father of lexicographers. In the latest volume issued by the Historical Manuscripts Commission on manuscripts in the Welsh language it is stated that the idea of illustrating the meaning and correct use of words by actual quotations from the literature of a living language seems to have been first put in practice by Griffith Hiraethog, the herald bard of Wales, who died in 1564.

Export Wood to Germany.

Imports of wood into Germany from the United States have more than trebled since 1880, amounting in 1902 to more than \$5,850,000. It consisted mostly of pitch pine. This wood is more resistant to the weather and costs much less than oak. It is used for making doors, windows, floors, etc., while oak is used in the manufacture of the finer grades of furniture.

Japanese Hemp.

Among the industries of Japan which are receiving especial attention is the manufacture of hemp. It is reported that orders have recently been executed for a supply of fishing nets for Alaska valued at \$30,000, and that a commissioner has lately been sent to Canada to investigate and report on the prospect of extending the market for nets in that country.

Cost of Gravitation.

In an address before the British Association for the Advancement of Science, Mr. Charles Hawkins' remark that water obtained by gravitation is almost, if not quite, as expensive as water obtained by pumping, may be something of a surprise to a lawman, but is easily explained by the greater cost of gravitation works.

A Touching "Appeal."

The following notice is said to be posted over the altar of a certain cathedral door in Northern Italy: "Appeal to charities. The Brothers, so called, of Mercy, asks slender arms for the hospital. They harbor all kinds of diseases, and have no respect to religion."—Harper's Weekly.

American Monte Carlo.

The American Monte Carlo is in the principality of Flagler, at Palm Beach, Fla. The concessionaries, owning the Casino, are two brothers of the name of Thompson. They come from Texas and their little gaming establishment at Palm Beach is worth to them \$200,000 a season.

Radium Energy.

It has been calculated that the energy stored up in fifteen grains of radium is sufficient to raise 500 tons weight a mile high. An ounce would, therefore, suffice to drive a fifty-horse power motor car at the rate of thirty miles an hour around the world.

Puns of Shakespeare.

Searching Shakespeare for puns is a strange way of spending time. A contributor to "Notes and Queries" proclaims the discovery of thirty-nine and adds that "all readers of Shakespeare are aware that punning was with him a favorite form of fun."

New Industrial Enterprises.

Bait farms and fish farms, ostrich farms and mushroom farms, glassing farms and pigeon farms—these are some of the hundreds of unique industrial enterprises which this age of specialization has developed in the United States.

Illiterate Children.

The number of illiterate children there were ten and fourteen years of age is: In Alabama, 68,072; Georgia, 63,329; Louisiana, 55,001; South Carolina, 51,536; North Carolina, 51,190; Mississippi, 44,334; Tennessee, 36,376.

Newfoundland Fisheries.

Of the 100,000 men in Newfoundland more than half are fishermen, who catch 150,000,000 pounds of cod a year, consume one-fourth of it and sell the rest to Catholic countries for \$4,450,000.

Postal Rate on Human Ashes.

The postoffice department has prepared a ruling to the effect that cremated bodies should be classed as merchandise, and should pay the regular rate of 1 cent for four ounces. As a result of this decision, four airtight tin canisters, containing the cremated remains of a family, shipped from New York to San Francisco, were forwarded from the Washington postoffice, where they had been held up pending a determination of the postage rates for the journey.

Northern Lumber Cut.

The cut of lumber in the Sault Ste. Marie district for the season of 1903 was about 160,000,000 feet, and the cut for the season of 1902 is over 200,000,000 feet. At least 75 per cent of this is cut in mills owned and operated by Americans. Two large sawmills have been built during the year and a new veneering mill has been operating very profitably during the season.

Woman and Little Things.

A man may look at life as through field glasses. He gives himself a wide horizon, and does not always heed the things which lie nearest him. A woman has more of the microscopic instinct. She sees the importance of little things, and that is how so many have genius enough to make \$10, or even less, provide the necessities of a household.

Diversity of Tongues.

The diversity of tongues to be found in one country is often a matter of surprise. Last year the Bible society's agents sold the scriptures in fifty-three languages in the Russian empire, in twenty-eight languages in Burmah, and in thirty in South Malaysia, and fifty-three in the Egyptian empire.

Pay Much Money for Recipe.

An English firm of pork packers paid no less than \$50,000 for the Brandenburg method of curing hams; while a certain special chutney, or rather the method of mixing it, originally bought for a few rupees from a poor Hindu trader, changed hands a few months back for \$37,000.

College Education.

Records prove that the college man at thirty is far in advance of the man of the same age who entered by the apprentice door. Even at thirty it is shown that four years spent at college were not wasted, and that he really acquired the ability to learn how to do things.

Feminine Mind Superior.

Archaeologists have come to the conclusion that the feminine mind is particularly quick at deciphering the ancient hieroglyphics and other inscriptions. A number of women, both in Europe and America, are therefore, being instructed in that art.

Husband Gets Damages.

The manager of a Paris restaurant has obtained \$1,000 compensation from a chemist who constantly sold morphia to his wife. The morphia habit has gained such a hold in Paris that the authorities are adopting severe repressive measures.

Millions in Pearls.

Within the past three years more than \$3,000,000 worth of pearls have been taken from the waters of the Mississippi valley. At least three-fourths of the pearls have come from the Black and White rivers of Arkansas.

Russian Sugar.

According to the official returns there were 275 sugar mills in operation in European Russia last year. The beet crop of the country amounted to nearly 9,000,000 tons, while the area under cultivation was 1,310,000 acres.

Villages of Women.

The villages near the north Italian lakes are in summer inhabited almost entirely by women, who till the fields, which do not yield much. The men go to Switzerland and bring back their earnings in winter.

LEXINGTON NEWS.

Rev. Mrs. Gilbert went to Kansas City Sunday to see her brother-in-law, who is quite ill.

Mr. Reid Wilson and his sister spent the Christmas in Independence and also Kansas City. Reported having a nice time.

Miss Edith Alexander spent the Christmas in Independence.

Mesdames Roy Warcup, Robert Tolbert, Jesse Jones, and Jordan Hook spent the vacation in Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Florida Roberson went to Coffeyville, Kan., to visit his mother during the holidays. They report having a nice time.

Misses Glover Hawkins and Priscilla Hawkins spent the holiday in Independence.

Misses Nellie and Nannie Richardson spent several days in Lexington while here several receptions were given in honor of them by Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Jackson.

There was a reception given by Mrs. Mattie Jackson and Miss Nannie Hawkins in honor of the students of Lincoln Institute at Mrs. Nancy Booker's. Refreshments were served from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. The guests were Misses Ruth Johnson, Maggie Johnson, Carrie Carper, of Denver, and Miss Dollie Thompson of Indian Territory. Miss Daisy Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Leslie Harris, Robert Johnson, Mrs. Lottie Carter of Lincoln, Miss May Barnes, Miss Minnie Hubbard, Miss Ella Sweetman, Miss Lulu Sweetman; Mr. C. A. Jackson, Mr. W. H. Watson, Mr. A. L. Cox, Mr. James Wilson, Mr. James Young, Mr. Kirk Wilson, Mr. J. T. Roberts, Mr. L. Montgomery, Mr. John Russell, Mr. Charles Washington, Mr. Will Griffin, Mr. Blake Brown, Mr. L. H. Jordan, Mr. J. W. Moss, Mr. W. H. Page, Mr. Ed. Louis.

The out of town visitors to the Oxford ball on the 29th were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Bradley of Kansas City, Kan., and Miss Stafford.

Charles Phelps and wife, of St. Joe; George Moore and wife, of St. Joe; Mr. Perry and wife, of St. Joe; Miss Minnie Page and Miss Cora Bennett of Topeka.

Mrs. Helen Armstrong and Miss Jennie Moore of St. Louis.

To the members of the Oxford we apologize for this part being left out, especially to the Sergeant at Arms Mr. L. Montgomery and to Mr. Watson, the floor manager.

We are to feel congratulated of the Oxford club at this time.

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To The Rising Son: Please allow me to say through your paper that little Helen Gould Floyd, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Floyd of 1311 Highland avenue, received the following presents:

Mrs. Martha Henderson, a beautiful baby carriage; Miss Lucy Pratt, \$1; Miss Leta Morton, crocheted sacque and booties; Miss Treasa Clark, night caps; Mr. James R. Gordon, \$1; Mr. Felix Wilson, gold ring; Miss Bessie West, crocheted booties; Mrs. Sarah Jackson and Mrs. Ida Lawrence, twenty yards of birdseye cloth; Mr. W. O. Fisher, one dozen American Beauty roses; Mr. Harry G. Brown, gold ring; Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, two flannel skirts, silk crocheted cap; Mrs. Lizzie Austin, a gold necklace; H. F. Floyd, baby cloak; Mrs. Mamie West, baby rattle; Mr. Roy Clark, a doll; Annie E. Floyd, a child's silver set; a purse containing \$6, given by the following: Harry G. Brown, Mary Fisher, Malinda Webb, Sylvester Temple, Jennie Harris, Minnie Bailey, Ella Jenkins, Ed. Randolph, Elizabeth Richardson, H. F. Floyd, Lulu Cooper, Chester Clark and Mary Jenkins.

If wishes were horses, beggars would want automobiles.

Was Decorated by Victoria.

Vice Admiral Barrera of the French navy, who has just died near Nice, was decorated by Queen Victoria for the services which he rendered on the occasion of the wreck of the Drummond Castle off the French coast in 1896.